Funds Allocation for unorganised sector

†372. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government had formulated a 'Social Security Scheme' for the labourers belonging to the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, whether that scheme has been abandoned; and

(c) if not, the amount earmarked for this scheme this year and the amount spent, so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government launched the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2004 in January, 2004.

(b) and (c) Since the scheme was not found viable due to various reasons like lack of statutory backing etc., the scheme is being re-worked in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments and State Governments.

Recommendations of National Commission for Women

373. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tradition of seedi pratha which implies bonded labour is prevalent in the State of Haryana;

(b) if so, the districts where this tradition is prevalent;

(c) whether the National Commission for Women has highlighted the problem and made any recommendations to Government in this behalf; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction to the recommendations of the National Commission for Women?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Haryana tradition of seedi pratha involving bonded labour does not exist in any district of the state of Haryana.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.